

REMARKS

Claims 16-30 and 32-34 presently appear in this case. Claims 16, 17, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28, 32 and 33 have been allowed. The remaining claims have been rejected. The official action of June 2, 2005, has now been carefully studied. Reconsideration and allowance are hereby respectfully urged.

Briefly, the present invention relates to a method of treating host vs. graft disease (HVGD), i.e., graft or transplant rejection, by administering Copolymer 1 or a Copolymer 1-related random copolymer to a mammal that is a transplant recipient.

Claims 18-20, 23, 25, 27, 29, 30 and 34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite through use of the term "about" in reference to a range, thereby rendering the claims indefinite as to the upper and lower limits.

All of the rejected claims have now been amended to simply delete the term "about." Accordingly, the sole ground of indefiniteness noted by the examiner no longer appears in the claims. Thus, this rejection has been obviated. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are respectfully urged.

It is submitted that all the claims now present in the case clearly define over the references of record and

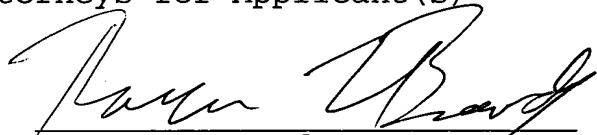
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fully comply with 35 U.S.C. §112. Reconsideration and
allowance are therefore earnestly solicited.

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